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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S VIEWS ON RHODESIAN INITIATIVE

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- 1. EXTAFFMIN DEPUTY PERM SEC MOGAMI SOUGHT ME OUT AT SEPTEMBER 6 RECEPTION FOR UN ASYG FARAH TO CONFIRM OUR RECEIPT OF REFTEL PRESS RELEASE. HE SAID A SPECIAL EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO INFORM US BEFORE FIRST RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 6. THE RELEASE HAS BEEN PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN ALL RADIO NEWSCASTS FOR PAST 24 HOURS AND TEXT APPEARS ON FRONT PAGE OF TODAY'S DAILY NEWS.
- 2. MOGAMI SAID HE COULD, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, COMMENT ON THE RELEASE AND HAD ALREADY DONE SO FOR UK HICOM TURNER IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S PRESSING REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR REACTION. FIRST, PRES. KHAMA HIMSELF TOOK THE LEAD IN URGING FAVORABLE COMMENT ON UK/US INITIATIVE. HE HAD DONE SO ON HIS OWN, I.E., IN ADVANCE OF ANY COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER FRONTLINE STATES. MOGAMI NOTED THIS WAS CONTRARY TO KHAMA'S USUAL PRACTICE OF CONSULTING BEFORE COMMENTING. SECOND, PRES. KHAMA WOULD SUPPORT UK/US INITIATIVE IN THE UN. THIRD,

PRESIDENT CONCURRED IN UK/US PROPOSALS ON LAW AND ORDER.

3. I HAVE CHECKED ABOVE POINTS WITH MY UK COLLEAGUE WHO CONFIRMS SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE REACTION. NORLAND

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